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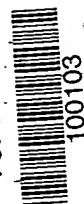
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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL (37 CFR. § 1.53(b))

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Sir: This is a request for filing a patent application under 37 CFR § 1.53(b) in the name of inventors:
Tetsuya Noguchi and Susumu Shimotono

For: **MAGNETIC DISK PROTECTION MECHANISM, COMPUTER SYSTEM COMPRISING PROTECTION MECHANISM, PROTECTION METHOD FOR MAGNETIC DISK, AND PROGRAM FOR PROTECTION METHOD**

Application Elements:

- ☒ 71 Pages of Specification, Claims and Abstract
- ☒ 14 Sheets of Drawings
- ☐ 00 Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

Accompanying Application Parts:

- ☐ Assignment and Assignment Recordation Cover Sheet (recording fee of \$40.00 enclosed)
- ☐ Separate Power of Attorney by Assignee
- ☐ 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement by Assignee
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement with Form PTO-1449
 - ☒ Copies of IDS Citations
- ☐ Preliminary Amendment
- ☒ Return Receipt Postcard
- ☐ Small Entity Statement(s)
- ☐ Request and Certification under 35 U.S.C. 122(b)(2)(B)(i)
- ☐ Other:

Claim For Foreign Priority

☒ Priority of Japan Application No. 2002-291561 filed on October 3, 2002 is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119.

☒ The certified copy is enclosed.

Fee Calculation (37 CFR § 1.16)

| | (Col. 1) | (Col. 2) | SMALL ENTITY | | OR | LARGE ENTITY | |
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| | NO. FILED | NO. EXTRA | RATE | FEE | | RATE | FEE |
| BASIC FEE | | | \$385 | \$ | OR | \$770 | \$770 |
| TOTAL CLAIMS | <u>28</u> -20 = <u>08</u> | | x09 = | \$ | OR | x18 = | \$144 |
| INDEP CLAIMS | <u>09</u> -03 = <u>06</u> | | x43 = | \$ | OR | x86 = | \$516 |
| [] Multiple Dependent Claim Presented | | | \$145 = | \$ | OR | \$290 = | \$0 |
| * If the difference in Col. 1 is less than zero, enter "0" in Col. 2. | | | Total | \$ | OR | Total | \$1,430 |

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General Authorization for Petition for Extension of Time (37 CFR §1.136)

☒ Applicants hereby make and generally authorize any Petitions for Extensions of Time as may be needed for any subsequent filings. The Commissioner is also authorized to charge any extension fees under 37 CFR §1.17 as may be needed to Deposit Account No. 09-0466 (order JP9-2002-0150US1).

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